

and progress, most of those eyes would go blind. The poverty of our results is merely a natural result of our confining ourselves to relieving a symptom—albeit an important symptom—and leaving the primary disease untouched. To conceive glaucoma in terms of the drainage of the aqueous only, as is the habit among so many of us to-day, is to base our therapeutics on the evidence of the gross pathology which disease has left behind it, rather than on the more subtle initial changes depending on the underlying disordered physiology. The derangement of mechanics which appears as an end-result is so much more obvious than the initial failure in function: a rearrangement of mechanics is easy and since it gives relief, by all means let us practise it; but whatever we may say to our patients, do not let us say to ourselves that in this rearrangement we have solved the underlying problem or cured the disease. It may be that in the future we may be able to do better, but until that time comes, I am sure that Dr. Craig, with his great weight of wisdom and experience, will agree with me when I say, It is not what we say to others, particularly if they require psychological support, but what we say to ourselves, that really matters.

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